THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) (a) and (b) A Statement showing the average retail prices of Diesel, Kerosene, Salt and Edible Oils as in July, 1990 and on 14th June, 1991 (latest available) is attached

(c) and (d) Government attaches the highest priority to reducing inflation and would adopt necessary measures towards this end Efforts, would also be made to restrain growth in monetary supply, effect economy in Government expenditure, encourage small savings, ensure better supply and demand management of "sensitive commodities", strict action against hoarders and profiteers and provision of incentive for higher production in the medium term A Cabinet Committee has been set up on 13-7-1991 under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to monitor the price situation of essential commodities and ensure their supply These measures are expected to have desirable effects on rising trends of prices

STATEMENT

Average Retail Prices of Diesel, Kerosene, Salt and Edible Oils on 27-7-1990 and 14-6-1991

| Items | Units | Average Retail Prices (in Rs) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 27-7-1990 | 14-6-1991 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Diesel | Litre | 4 39 | 5 40 |
| Kerosene | Litre | 2 39 | 2 97 |
| Salt (Common) | Kg. | 1 04 | 1 36 |
| Ground nut oil | Kg | 32 50 | 38 81 |
| Mustard Oil | Kg | 29 98 | 33 13 |
| Coconut Oil | Kg | 41 13 | 48 91 |
| Vanaspati | Kg | 35 98 | 39 93 |

Source Directorate of Economics & Statistics Ministry of Agriculture

OUTLAY FOR RURAL SECTOR

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(a) whether the Union Government propose to allocate 50 per cent of public sector outlay on programme and projects for the benefit of rural and agricultural sectors during 1991-92,

(b) if so, the outlay fixed for the rural sector during 1991-92, and

(c) the programmes being undertaken in rural areas with this outlay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ) (a) and (b) Based on the allocations specified in the Interim Budget of Central Government for 1991-92, the share of outlay benefitting rural areas in budgetary support for the Central Plan is about 51% This amounts to about Rs 9450 crores out of the total budgetary support of Rs 18550 crores in the Central Plan of 1991-92, as indicated in the Interim Budget.

(c) This outlay is provided for the programmes under major development heads like agriculture, rural development, irrigation and flood control, power, transport, village industries, health, family welfare, education and water supply.